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There have been only three other editors in the Journal's 66 years: G. Stephens Spinks, from 1947 to 1951; Dr L. A. Garrard, from 1951 to 1962; and H. L. Short, from 1962 to the present day. Three of the four editors have also been principals of Manchester College, Oxford, whose history and aims are very similar to those of the Journal.

The present editor now says farewell, with sincere thanks to the world-wide company of authors, subscribers and readers, to the publisher and printer, and to the Hibbert Trustees. He is sad to go.

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